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# Acer griseum

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## Wes Whiteside—Species Information Sheet

### I. Nomenclature

**Family:** Aceraceae

**Genus Species(Authority):** *Acer griseum* (Franch.) Pax

**Subspecies/Variety(Authority):**

**Cultivar:**

**Common Name:** Paperbark maple

### II. Origin (country and/or habitat)

Native/Rare    Native/Uncommon    Old World/Rare    **Old  
World/Uncommon**

*Acer griseum* is endemic to forests of central China (Dirr 1998, Meyer 2010).

### III. Habit

<b>Tree</b>	Shrub	Vine
Herbaceous Annual Perennial	Herbaceous Biennial	Herbaceous

**Flowering Season:** Late April- early May

**Flower Color:** Greenish

**Fruit Type:** Samara

### IV. Source of Plant Material



**From where or whom obtained and when:** The original plant of *Acer griseum* obtained from the Wayside Nursery of Ohio in the 1970's was lost to a harsh winter. The plant just north of the house was offered as a gift around 1985 from Terry Weidner, a former botany Department Chair at Eastern Illinois University, and was derived from seed collected on the University of Illinois campus around Bevier Hall. Another plant located in the northeast portion of the garden came from Gossler's Nursery in Oregon around 1985.

**Propagule Material:**

	Seed	Vegetative	Whole Plant
<b>Details:</b>			

**Availability:** Fairly available from high end nurseries as it is increasing in popularity as a landscape plant

**V. Cultural**

**Special Soil Type:** Average

**Soil Moisture:** Wet      Mesic      Dry      Other

**VI. Additional Comments**

*Acer griseum* was first brought to North America in 1907 by Ernest Henry Wilson in the form of two seedlings that were collected from Hubei Province in China. These two original plants remain at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, Massachusetts, and were the source of the first North American horticultural distribution of the plant in 1927 (Del Tredici 2007). It is a handsome plant with very showy bark and is becoming more popular and easier to obtain than it has been in the past.

**VII. Literature Cited**

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